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Testimony in support of House Bill 6021 - An Act Concerning Test Bed Technologies

Good Afternoon Senator Doyle, Representative Reed and distinguished members of the Committee. My name is Russ Morin and I'm here to testify in support of House Bill 6021, An Act Concerning Test Bed Technologies. In 2009, I sponsored the original Test Bed Legislation which became Section 63 of Public Act 09-7. The primary purpose of the Bill was to expedite monetary savings to state agencies through the introduction, demonstration, and implementation of energy efficiency technologies.

This concept of allowing a proprietary technology, product, or process to be piloted for the state at no cost or liability would allow for sole source procurement through performance based contracting. The purpose of this follow up proposed legislation is that unfortunately there has been no movement on the state's side to act in a timely fashion to test and procure more efficient technologies.

Simply put, it is my hope that this committee will strengthen the original language by ensuring that DEEP will evaluate potential energy efficient or renewable energy products or technology for a test program, set forth a specific time frame for it to be evaluated, and if deemed to be compliant request that DAS procure the product for all state agencies that may utilize such technology. I would also suggest that a protocol be put into place to allow for any technologies procured by a municipality be allowed to be analyzed and if appropriate, be utilized by the state.

This bill which can not only save energy resulting in a lower carbon footprint, will also save the state money. Thank you for your consideration and I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell G. Morin".

Representative Russell Morin